

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3577
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FUNCTIONING OF RED CROSS SOCIETY
ALE NARENDRA;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the role of the Central Government with regard to management and functioning of the Red Cross Society in India;
- (b) the role of public in performing functions in the management of the society;
- (c) the details of receipt and payment of the society during each of the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the number of new branches of the Society opened during the above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) : The Indian Red Cross Society has been established as an autonomous body under the IRCS, Act XV of 1920 (As amended by Act No. 22 of 1956 and the Adaptation of Laws (No. 4) Order 1957 and the Act 14 of 1992). The role of the Central Government in the management and functioning of IRCS has been defined under the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder.

(b) : Public in general is associated as members or volunteers of the Society. In the National Managing Body which consists of 18 members and a Chairman, 12 are elected by branches and 6 are nominated by the President of India in his capacity as the president of the Society.

(c) : As per the information made available by IRCS, the receipt and payment of the society during last three years is as under:-

Rs. in Lakhs

Year	Receipt	Payment
1998-99	1,021.29	1,043.06/-
1999-00	1,704.83	1,208.72/-
2000-01	2,354.46	2,299.49/-

(d) : One Union Territory Branch was set up in Andaman & Nicobar and a State Branch was started in the newly carved state of Chattisgarh.